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CONTINUES WITH 28 SPEAKERS

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED JULY 27 IN THE NAM
PLENARY WITH 28 SPEAKERS. AGAIN PLENARY RECONVENED IN
THE EVENING. SPEECHES CONTINUED UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
MOST CONTROVERSIAL PRESENTATION WAS THAT OF EGYPTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER GHALI, WHO SUGGESTED THAT NEXT YEAR'S
NAM SUMMIT EITHER BE SHIFTED FROM HAVANA OR POSTPONED.
CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM ALSO HARSHLY ATTACKED EACH OTHER,
EACH CALLING A SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE POLEMICS
CONTINUED.

2. YUGOSLAV PRESS, IN CHARACTERIZING JULY 27 DEBATE,
DOWNPLAYS CONTROVERSY AND FOCUSES ON "COMMON THEMES," E.G.,
PRAISE FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT AND TITO'S
CONTRIBUTION TO IT, AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN NAM UNITY.
HOWEVER, CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE QUARREL AND EGYPTIAN
PROPOSAL TO MOVE OR POSTPONE HAVANA SUMMIT ARE DULY NOTED
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IN BORBA FRONT PAGE SUMMARY.

3. IN ADDITION TO GHALI, SPEAKING IN PLENARY GENERAL
DEBATE JULY 27 WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNCTAD; GUYANA;
PANAMA; TUNISIA; MALAYSIA; AFGHANISTAN; SINGAPORE;
SEYCHELLES; MADAGASCAR; MAURITIUS; KOREA (NORTH);
UNIDO; SUDAN; CAMBODIA; ARGENTINA; VIETNAM; YEMEN (SOUTH);

LIBYA; MALTA; PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CONGO; ISLAMIC CONFERENCE;
ZAMBIA; DJIBUTI; EQUATORIAL GUINEA; INDONESIA; GUINEA;
NIGERIA; AND BOTSWANA.

4. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS GLEANED FROM YUGOSLAV
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF JULY 27 GENERAL DEBATE.

5. EGYPT. SPEAKING LAST DURING THE JULY 27 AFTERNOON
PLENARY GENERAL DEBATE, EGYPTIAN STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS BUTROS GHALI PRAISED PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE
INITIATIVES AND STATED THAT "EGYPT CONTINUES TO FULFILL ITS
OBLIGATIONS TO THE PALESTINIANS." HE THEN DELIVERED A
STRONG ATTACK ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, WHICH HE
TERMED A "REFLECTION OF THE COLD WAR". GHALI CALLED ON
AFRICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE OAU TO SEEK AN "ALL AFRICAN
STRATEGY" TO DEAL WITH CONFLICTS ON THE CONTINENT.
ACCORDING TO GHALI, "SOME NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE TRYING
TO DRAG THE MOVEMENT INTO IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATIONS."
"THIS FORCES US TO CONSIDER HOW WE MIGHT REORGANIZE OUR
EFFORTS IN THE MOVEMENT", GHALI CONTINUED, "NOT IN THE
SENSE OF EXPELLING ANY COUNTRIES OR OF BOYCOTTING THE
NEXT SUMMIT, BUT WE SHOULD FIND SOME OTHER CAPITAL
FOR THAT MEETING OR PERHAPS POSTPONE IT." GHALI
FURTHER SUGGESTED REORGANIZATION OF THE COORDINATING
BUREAU "SO THAT IT NOT BECOME A KIND OF SUPER NATIONAL
BODY."

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5. CAMBODIA. VICE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF
CAMBODIA YENG SARY DELIVERED A STRONG WARNING ABOUT THE
DANGER WHICH THREATENS THE NAM FROM THE INTERFERENCE
OF GREAT POWERS WHICH EITHER FROM IMPERIALIST EXPANSIONIST
OR OTHER GOALS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT
AND ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES. THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM
BEFORE THIS MEETING, HE SAID, IS THE STRUGGLE FOR THE
GREATEST POSSIBLE UNITY, DEFENSE OF THE PURITY OF
NONALIGNMENT PRINCIPLES, AND THE REJECTION OF EFFORTS OF
THE IMPERIALIST AND EXPANSIONIST FORCES AND THEIR FOLLOWERS
TO TURN THE MOVEMENT FROM ITS TRUE DIRECTIONS. SARY SAW
A CLEAR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "THOSE WHO ARE TRUE TO THE
SPIRIT OF NONALIGNMENT AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT." THE BASIC
PRINCIPLES WHICH DIRECT CAMBODIA ARE AND REMAIN THE
PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNMENT, YENG SARY CONTINUED, AND THE
PRESENT STRUGGLE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE IS BASED ON THOSE
PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE PRECISELY THE SAME WHICH LED THEM TO

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VICTORY IN THE LIBERATION WAR.

6. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD THE SAME DAY, YENG SARY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH CAMBODIA DID NOT WANT TO ADD ITS CONFLICT WITH VIETNAM TO THE PROBLEMS ALREADY FACING THE NONALIGNED, "WE MUST ACCEPT THIS DEBATE BECAUSE THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED BY VIETNAMESE IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE." (ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO MENTION OF THIS IN YUGOSLAV PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE GENERAL DEBATE OR PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS BY YENG SARY, WE HAVE HEARD FROM TWO DELEGATIONS THAT CAMBODIA HAS CALLED FOR A SHIFT FROM HAVANA AS THE NEXT NAM SUMMIT SITE AS WELL AS THE EXPULSION OF CUBA FROM THE MOVEMENT. COMMENTING ON THIS REPORTED CAMBODIAN POSITION, A CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE WRYLY SAID "YES, WE KNOW, YENG SARY IS SPEAKING CHINESE.")

7. VIETNAM. VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE TRINH CLAIMED THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE CAMBODIAN/VIETNAMESE DISPUTE CAN EASILY BE FOUND THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF THE
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PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNMENT. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT AT THE LATEST MEETING OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU

IN HAVANA THE WISH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO RESOLVE THE VIETNAMESE/CAMBODIA CONFLICT THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO SPOKE HARSHLY OF THE EFFORTS OF IMPERIALISM TO "RECAPTURE LOST GROUND" IN IMPOSING ITSELF ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

8. ACCORDING TO TANJUG, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF VIETNAM HO DONG GIANG AT A PRESS CONFERENCE SHARPLY ATTACKED BOTH CAMBODIA AND CHINA. GIANG CLAIMED VIETNAM IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH BOTH CAMBODIA AND CHINA. TANJUG SAYS GIANG ADDED THAT "VIETNAM IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS ALSO WITH WASHINGTON, AND ACCUSED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION -- WHICH HE SAID IS UNWILLING TO KEEP ITS PROMISES ON FINANCIAL MATTERS -- FOR THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN IN TALKS."

9. PANAMA. PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REVILLA CALLED ON ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE BELGRADE NAM MEETING TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL ON THE PERMANENT NEUTRALITY OF THE PANAMA CANAL. PANAMA'S FIRST PRIORITY IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY IS TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NEUTRALITY OF THE CANAL, REVILLA SAID.

10. TUNISIA. TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FITOURI WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AT THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFLICTS IN AFRICA WHICH ARE TURNING INTO "FRATRICIDAL WARS." NEVER HAS NONALIGNED SOLIDARITY AND UNITY BEEN MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID. THERE ARE INCREASING PRESSURES IN AFRICA, WHICH HAS BECOME THE SCENE OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY. THE MOVEMENT MUST BOTH ANALYZE THE SOURCES OF THE THREATS TO UNITY, AND ALSO THERE MUST BE A "REORGANIZATION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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STRUCTURE, ACTIVITY, AND PROCEDURES OF THE MOVEMENT."

11. AFGHANISTAN. AFGHANISTAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN NOTED THAT HIS NATION, EMERGING FROM THE VICTORIOUS APRIL REVOLUTION, HAS CHOSEN THE POLICY OF ACTIVE AND POSITIVE NONALIGNMENT. AFGHANISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES WHO SUPPORT THE APRIL REVOLUTION AND WHO EXTEND TO AFGHANISTAN UNCONDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, FREE OF POLITICAL PURPOSE OR ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. AMIN HOPED THAT THE ONLY POLITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN--THE QUESTION OF PUSHTOONI AND BALUCHI PEOPLES-- WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION. HE ALSO HOPED RELATIONS WITH OTHER NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING IRAN AND CHINA, "WILL DEVELOP IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THOSE WE ENJOY WITH THE SOVIET UNION, WITH WHOM WE HAVE RELATIONS BASED ON SINCERE FRIENDSHIP AND COMPLETE RESPECT FOR OUR

INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND FOR NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." "WE MUST, HOWEVER, REMAIN VIGILANT OF CONSPIRACIES BY THE ENEMIES OF NONALIGNMENT, WHO ARE TRYING TO DESTROY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NONALIGNED AND THEIR TRUE, NORMAL FRIENDS, THE SOCIALIST AND PEACE LOVING PEOPLES."

12. SINGAPORE. SINGAPORE'S FOREIGN MINISTER RADJARATNAM WARNED THAT THE GREAT POWERS HAVE DEVISED A WAY TO WAGE WAR THROUGH THEIR AGENTS IN THE THIRD WORLD. WE MUST BE AWARE THAT WORLD WAR III MAY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN ON OUR DOOR STEP, HE SAID.

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13. DJIBOUTI. PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF DJIBOUTI CAMILLE EMPHASIZED DJIBOUTI'S NEUTRALITY AND CONSEQUENT DETERMINATION TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN QUARRLES BETWEEN "HEGEMONISTIC GREAT POWERS".

14. EQUATORIAL GUINEA. AFRICA MUST BECOME A DEMILITARIZED CONTINENT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA'S REPRESENTATIVE ENGUNA SAID. HE VOICED CONCERN OVER THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BLOCS IN AFRICA. HE ESPECIALLY ATTACKED THE "NEO-IMPERIALIST ROLE OF SPAIN."

15. INDONESIA. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KUSUMAATMADJA WAS CONCERNED AT THE DETERIORATION OF DETENTE AND

RETURN OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE COLD WAR. NAM UNITY IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT IN THE FACE OF THESE SITUATIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFORM THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE, HE PROPOSED A MEETING OF LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS CONVENING A GENERAL CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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16. NIGERIA. NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADEFOPE STRESSED AFRICA'S ABILITY TO SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS. THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY FOREIGN INFLUENCE TO "SUBSTITUTE A NEW COLONIAL YOKE FOR THE ONE SO RECENTLY SHED."

17. ZAMBIA. ZAMBIA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MWALLA CONCENTRATED ON THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS BOTH "SATISFACTORY" AND "DANGEROUS." PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD ELIMINATING "THE MINORITY RACIST REGIONS," MWALLA SAID, BUT THERE IS AN EVER PRESENT DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. ZAMBIA BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ACCORDING TO MWALLA "NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MINORITY RACIST REGIMES CAN BE SUCCESSFUL, THERE CAN BE NO PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA OR ZIMBABWE, WITHOUT THE PRESSURE OF ARMED STRUGGLE."

18. ARGENTINA. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER MONTEZ WARNED THAT TERRORISM IS ONE OF THE GREATEST OBSTACLES ON THE ROAD TO PEACE. THERE ARE "REACTIONARY FORCES WHICH HAVE ONLY ONE GOAL, AND THAT IS TO SOW PANIC AMONG PEOPLES AND TO FORCE GOVERNMENTS TO CAPITULATE BEFORE THE IRRATIONAL DEMANDS OF TERRORISTS." ARGENTINA IS ALERT TO AND WILL RESIST ANY EFFORTS OF THIS SO-CALLED "POLITICS OF DESTABILIZATION". MONTEZ ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE "RESTRICTIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES" WHICH THE NUCLEAR POWERS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPED STATES APPLY AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

19. LIBYA. LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE TRIKI DELIVERED AN ATTACK ON IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM WHICH IS RECRITING

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ALLIES IN ORDER TO ROB AND EXPLOIT THE NATIONAL WEALTH OF AFRICA. THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED FROM

1961, TRIKI SAID, WHEN THE MOVEMENT WAS FOUNDED, IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM HAVE CHANGED NEITHER THEIR NATURE NOR THEIR AMBITIONS. TRIKI ALSO STATED THAT AGAINST THESE ENEMIES THE ONLY LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND IS THE LANGUAGE OF DETERMINED STRUGGLE. HE ADDED THAT ZIONISM IS AN ALLY AND AN INSTRUMENT OF IMPERIALISM. "ZIONISM AND OTHER RACIST REGIMES IN AFRICA REPRESENT THE LONG HAND OF IMPERIALISM," ACCORDING TO TRIKI. EAGLEBURGER

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